

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented): A method of producing a pneumatic tire according to claim 14, wherein the resin is a thermosetting resin.

4. (original) A method of producing a pneumatic tire according to claim 3, wherein the resin is at least one kind of bismaleimide-based resin.

5. (previously presented): A method of producing a pneumatic tire according to claim 14, wherein the compound is at least one bismaleimide.

6. (previously presented): A method of producing a pneumatic tire according to claim 14, wherein the rubber composition further contains 0.5-2.0 parts by mass of N,N'-dicyclohexyl-2-benzothiazolyl sulfenamide based on 100 parts by mass of the rubber component.

7. (previously presented): A method of producing a pneumatic tire according to claim 14, wherein the rubber composition further contains 0.02-0.4 part by mass of a cobalt compound as a total content of a cobalt element based on 100 parts by mass of the rubber component.

8. (previously presented): A method of producing a pneumatic tire according to claim 14, wherein the rubber composition contains 4.0-8.0 parts by mass of sulfur as a vulcanizing agent based on 100 parts by mass of the rubber component.

9. (currently amended): A method of producing a pneumatic tire according to claim-2 14, wherein the resin is a thermosetting resin.

10. (currently amended): A method of producing a pneumatic tire according to claim 214, wherein the compound is at least one bismaleimide.

11. (currently amended): A method of producing a pneumatic tire according to claim 214, wherein the rubber composition further contains 0.5-2.0 parts by mass of N,N'-dicyclohexyl-2-benzothiazolyl sulfenamide based on 100 parts by mass of the rubber component.

12. (currently amended): A method of producing a pneumatic tire according to claim 214, wherein the rubber composition further contains 0.02-0.4 part by mass of a cobalt compound as a total content of a cobalt element based on 100 parts by mass of the rubber component.

13. (currently amended): A method of producing a pneumatic tire according to claim 214, wherein the rubber composition contains 4.0-8.0 parts by mass of sulfur as a vulcanizing agent based on 100 parts by mass of the rubber component.

14. (currently amended): A method of producing a pneumatic tire comprising a rubber member having a given sectional shape, said method comprising:

forming a belt layer on a rotating support by extruding an uncured band-shaped coating rubber through an extruder, and, in conjunction with the extrusion, ~~spirally winding the extruded coating rubber onto a rotating support~~ by one of the following methods:

- ① successively laminating a plurality of steel cords on the extruded coating rubber, or
- ② affixing a small-width band-shaped body of a single steel cord or a plurality of steel cords previously covered with the extruded coating rubber, or
- ③ covering a single steel cord or a plurality of steel cords with the extruded coating rubber to form a small-width band-shaped body during the tire shaping and affixing it,

wherein a rubber composition constituting the coating rubber is formed by compounding a rubber component with a compound having a melting point of 120-220°C and/or a resin having a softening point prior to curing of 90-150°C, and a total compounding amount of the compound and the resin is 0.5-25 parts by mass based on 100 parts by mass of the rubber component, and the rubber composition has a viscosity of not more than 2 kPa·s as measured at a shearing rate of 750 s⁻¹ and a temperature of 100°C according to ASTM D5099-93, and

wherein the rubber composition has a tensile stress at 100% elongation of not less than 5
MPa and an elongation at break of not less than 200% as rubber properties after the
vulcanization.